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from the 101st floor.

stead of the steps.

seen."

composure

them about an hour to complete

76th floor, employees were instructed to use the elevator in-

with most of the people on his

when the second plane hit the

World Trade Center, so it actual-

group that took the elevator

(was) fine, and the group that

Turchin was preparing with

Elementary, but the building had

would not be for a few weeks.

Fellow teacher Jeannie Wil-

classroom she shared with an-

"We were all beside ourselves,

had access to TV, and the teach-

continue as if nothing had hap-

pened for the sake of the chil-

not knowing all details," she

was such a horrible thing. It

teacher Catherine Wega was try-

made me very, very nervous."

ers watched on their own."

her keep her composure.

chin the news.

man-Jackson Elementary.

Keeping classroom

JESSICA SWINGLE **TO PLAY FOR MANSFIELD**



Jessica Swingle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Swingle, recently signed her letter of intent to attend Mansfield University this fall. The Lake-Lehman High School standout will continue her academic and athletic career playing field hockey for head coach Diane Monkiewicz. Attending the signing were, from left, seated, Judy Swingle, mother; Swingle and Ron Swingle, father. Second row, Jean Lipski, head varsity field hockey coach; and Doug Klopp, Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School principal.

BACK MOUNTAIN YOUTH FOOTBALL

Phillips, Lombardo celebrate birthdays with big grid win

C TEAM Dallas 8

Durvea 0

won a tough game against the cats on September 4. **Duryea Wildcats on September** 4 by a score of 8-0.

birthday by scoring the game's only touchdown in the third from Jack Zeyher, Alex Hajkowdie Lombardo.

ter to stop a Duryea drive.

Redmond, Johnny Cantando

Durvea 0

week, Dallas scored a touch-Todd Phillips celebrated his down on the first play of the dominant in pitching another game.

quarter on a 1-yard run up the Mitchell Burgess, Lucas Shultz ski, Pete Federeci, Ryan Cuba middle behind great blocking and Jared Adamski scored three and Colby Kleintob penetrated touchdowns and two 2-point the Wildcats offensive line and ski and fellow birthday boy Fred- conversions. The Junior Mounts consistently disrupted their nearly added a third 2-point con- plays. JR Redmond recovered a fum- version but the pass play to ble for Dallas in the second quar- wingback Mitchell Burgess fell backs Mark Karcutskie, Lucas just short.

Joe "The Missle" Peters and Esposito, Jared Adamski and and Taylor Bolesta headed a Brady Eggleston also had some Ayden Berndt kept the Duryea dominate Dallas defensive ef- carries during the second half offense in check, giving up no fort that kept the Wildcats out of with Eggleston breaking a long big plays. run and nearly scoring a touchdown. The offensive line and tight the undefeated Swoyersville ends Junior Atherholt, Mason Sailors today.

Calvey, Parker Bolesta, Nick The Dallas Junior Mounts D- Spencer, Joe Peters, Nick Fine team ran their record to 2-0 with and Sawyer Christman gave the The Dallas Junior Mounts a victory over the Duryea Wild- running backs plenty of room to run by providing excellent

For the second consecutive blocking throughout the game. Once again, the defense was shutout. The defensive line of Running backs Ayden Berndt, Brady Eggleston, Gavin Adam-

> Linebackers and defensive Shultz, Mitchell Burgess, Matt

The Junior Mounts face an

early-season test as they meet

two hours away.

the high school didn't have cable

and security was going down ask are how could God do this to Darren Snyder said on the with those planes," said Wega. the class had family members in if man, in his wicked, evil, twist-New York at the time, and tele-"He was seen on the 76th floor communications were down.

"The kids were scared," she floor, and that's where they were said.

Wega herself had a family member who could have been in ly hit above them," he said. "Half danger at the time, and she said of his group that he was with not until she found out the pertook the elevator and half of his son was not near any of the sites group took the stairs. And the where planes crashed, could she "breathe again."

Responding to the tragedy took the stairs (was) never

Pastor Patrick Colladay, who was serving the Dallas Baptist Church at the time, was sitting in the Red Rooster Restaurant on That same day, in a classroom the morning of Sept. 11, having in Lehman Township, Bonnie breakfast with a friend.

"Our waitress kept on coming three other elementary teachers in and out, telling us about the to instruct third-graders at Leh- report," he said. "...We didn't really know how to take her be-Turchin, of Shavertown, was cause we were just talking about supposed to be working at Ross what we were talking about."

When the waitress told Colla-Towers, the pair went to the WRGN radio station to learn liams knocked on the door of the more about what was happening.

The pastor called an emergenother teacher to quietly tell Tur- cy meeting at the church that night to discuss the attacks. By the next morning he and a few but we decided not to tell the other church members were on children," said Turchin. "We their way to New York City as didn't want to let them know part of the Southern Baptist Consetting, so we went about our help feed emergency responders and there was just nothing," said day. During our lunch time, we at Ground Zero.

But that's not all they provided for the thousands of people, from Turchin said it was difficult to emergency responders to survivors, at the site.

"Our help was spiritual, emodren, but having other teachers tional and psychological. It was in the same classroom helped an opportunity to help those who went down in the hole, with some of their thoughts, feelsaid. "We just were talking ings and emotions," said Collaamongst ourselves about how it day.

ing the aftermath were difficult At Dallas High School, English for everyone to comprehend and finding answers to the myriad of ing to keep her classes informed questions was not an easy task about what was happening about not even for him.

> Chief Jerome Leedock to reorganize a Community Crime watch. Fox said

"There was a sense of why did She said it was at a time when it happen...for the firemen who had lost some of their friends access in all classrooms, and stu- there was a feeling of how could dents weren't carrying cell the helpers get hurt, running inphones as much as they do now. to that," said Colladay. "The "Everybody's sense of safety questions that I would have to how could God allow this to I She said some of the teens in don't know if God allowed this or ed ways, did what (he) wanted to do."

> The most important part, Colladay said, was bringing hope to those who were reeling from what had happened and acknowledging that Americans can overcome anything.

> He said it's an experience he chooses not to think about and he really hadn't reflected upon it until this week.

> "It's called washing," he said. "It doesn't make you hard, washing just makes you wrinkled."

With questions of their own, it didn't take the Snyders long to make the trip to New York City in search of Lenny.

Darren Snyder found a posting for loved ones due to the lack of telephone service, and he found Lenny's name on a list of people who were safe and accounted for.

"It was another high again," said Darren Snyder. "His name's not yet been completed, and day the specifics about the Twin here, he's reported as being OK. But it was somebody who saw him on the 76th floor."

After waiting what seemed like forever for Lenny to get in touch with them, the Snyders decided to take trips to local hospitals and other places where Lenny might have checked in.

"We went to all the hospitals in New York asking if there were anything because it was too up- vention Disaster Relief Team to any Lenny Snyders or John Does Darren Snyder.

> Those fruitless searches led Darren Snyder to believe his brother was not coming home.

Legacy of September 11, 2001 159T Dave Davis, chief of the Har-

veys Lake Fire Department, believes the attacks on September "It was nerve-wracking, just when they were coming out, 11 made residents more aware and more respectful of what emergency responders do.

He said the media gave every-He said the issues raised dur- one a look at not only what it how takes to be an emergency responder, but also what it costs.

"There was a lot more partici- N pation in our fund drives and things like that," said Davis. "...It made people see how much was lost in equipment and manpower.'

Colladay said the attacks made one fact apparent and true: "We live in a changing world," he said. Turchin, now retired, can still see the good that came out of something so detrimental to the nation. "It was a terrible, terrible disaster that brought us as American people together to help each other in a time of need," she said. Darren Snyder, who will visit a memorial built in honor of his brother and others today in Chestnut Ridge, N.J., said the important thing he will always cherish is the delicacy of life. "It brought my family closer, and we never miss any family gatherings," he said.

the endzone all day.

DTEAM

Dallas 22

gordon3367@gmail.com.

Girls basketball

clinic slated

UPORTS BRIEFS

Blast fastpitch teams seek new players

The U12 and U14 Endless Mountains Blast fastpitch teams are still looking for a few qualified players to fill their 2012 rosters.

Those interested in U12 should contact John Keefe at 885-5808. Interested U14 players should contact Bill Kern at 498-5991.

The Endless Mountains Blast is a travel fastpitch softball organization based in Tunkhannock. Additional information can be found at http://www.eteamz.com/ endlessmtblast, or by e-mailing ronh@sbsmod.com.

Basketball league forming in Lehman

A Varsity Boys Premiere Fall Basketball League hosted by the FIRM AC runs every Sunday in September at the Lake-Lehman High School. Anyone interested in join-

ing the league is asked to contact James Perez at 235-4832.

Free boys basketball clinic slated

Firm A.C. Basketball will conduct a free boys basketball clinic from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. every Sunday in September at Lake-Lehman High School.

For more information, conact Coach Perez at flashgirls in grades four through nine will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18 at Lake-Lehman

High School. For more information, contact Coach D at ford.darnell@yahoo.com.

Lions plan member rally

The District 14-W Lions Fall at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. so be in attendance as a guest 13 at the Plains pavilion, Clark of District Governor Mimi Lane. The rally will again by Tosh. DeJoseph spoke at the hosted by the Plains Lions rally last year of her mission to Club.

A free basketball clinic for

Speaker for the event is and stories about her trip. PDG Judy Dudley, PA State to move and improve all that Lions do for their communities.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

— King Crossword —

Answers Solution time: 25 mins.

Attorney Paula DeJoseph, of Mexico and will share photos

Admission is \$7 per person, Global Membership Team \$10 per Lion and prospective (GLT) Coordinator, who will Lion and \$5 for LEOs and speak about the new direc- Campus club students. Resertions that LCI has been taking vations should be made with Lion Tom Mulhern at 606-9944 or by e-mail at dyscodog@comcast.net.

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emergency medical servic-

es and better defined rates. • Spervisors passed an Emergency due to damages from hurri- once did," he said. cane Irene.

are telephone and cable issues. According to the Pubport, the township received formation. \$263,321.30 in damages.

Supervisor Al Fox publicly commended Emergency Management Coordinator Wilkes and his team for the work they did to help residents after the hurricane.

• Dallas Senior High School student Samantha Davis received recognition for her completion project of holding Emergency Service Day. She said the project was a social where residents socialized with police and emergency responders.

Supervisors presented her with a plaque for her work.

• Supervisors approved a motion to authorize Police

iper Crossword

Answers

Jackson Township an active Crime Watch group in the township fizzled out.

"Today, as new residents move in, we do not have the same communication Declaration with our neighbors as we

• Wilkes announced an Chairman John J. Wilkes earth disturbance citation Jr. said, as of Tuesday was issued by the Luzerne night, there was still a Conservation to a property "handful" of residents in Chase Manor for storm without power, and there water run off issues on August 8. An investigation is pending so Wilkes was unlic Damage Assessment re- able to provide further in-



Advance ticket sales only. Cost is \$50 per person. Price increases to \$65 after September 9. Call (570) 341-9474 to purchase tickets.

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Membership Rally will be held Mission Healing Eyes, will al-